

# Rural District Council of Pickering.

## ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending  
December 31st, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Rural District Council

LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your Area.

### SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

The Area of your District is 74,865 acres.

The estimated resident Population is 5,292.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,667.

The Rateable Value is £15,899, which produces a Penny Rate, £63 : 3 : 0 nett.

#### Social Conditions.

The inhabitants of the District are mainly occupied in agricultural pursuits.

#### Vital Statistics.

|              |                | Total | M  | F  | Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of population        |
|--------------|----------------|-------|----|----|--|
|              |                | 88    | 50 | 38 | 16.82  |
| Live Births  | { Legitimate   | 79    | 44 | 35 |  |
|              | { Illegitimate | 9     | 6  | 3  |  |
| Still Births | { Legitimate   | 3     | 3  | 0  | 32.96 per 1,000 total Births Live<br>and Still |
|              | { Illegitimate | 0     | 0  | 0  |  |
| Deaths       |                | 82    | 37 | 45 | 15.49 per 1,000 of population.                 |

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—

|   |         |        |
|---|---------|--------|
| All Infants per 1,000 Live Births                       | Total 0 | Rate 0 |
| Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births     | 0       | 0      |
| Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births | 0       | 0      |

No deaths occurred from Puerperal Sepsis.

No deaths occurred from other Puerperal Disease.

Causes of Death :—

|                               |    |                           |   |
|-------------------------------|----|---------------------------|---|
| Heart Disease                 | 26 | Nephritis                 | 1 |
| Other Circulatory Diseases    | 2  | Peptic Ulcer              | 1 |
| Intracranial Vascular Disease | 14 | Other Digestive Disorders | 2 |
| Tuberculosis                  | 2  | Suicide                   | 1 |
| Pneumonia                     | 3  | Violent Causes            | 3 |
| Cancer                        | 18 | All Other Causes          | 9 |

**SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.**

Public Health Officers of the Authority are :—

The M.O.H., Sanitary Inspector, District Nurses and the School Medical Officer.

**Nursing in the Homes.**

The District Nurses attend cases in the homes where necessary, except in infectious cases.

**Laboratory Facilities.**

Pathological Department of General Hospital, Scarborough, undertakes all necessary work.

**Hospitals.**

There is no change in former arrangements.

**Ambulance Facilities.**

The Ambulance Service has been taken over by the North Riding County Council but a Motor Ambulance is still stationed in Pickering and is of great service to the community.

**Clinics and Treatment Centres.**

No alteration has been made in former arrangements.

**Water Supply.**

The water supplies have presented rather a difficult problem during the year and there has been no snow and little rain to feed the springs. By careful survey of the mains and fittings, impounding extra water at the springs and the co-operation of the consumers, the supplies fed by springs in our area have been maintained satisfactorily. The installation of extra pumping plant for Lockton and Levisham prevented a serious position arising there. The area supplied from the Malton R.D.C. Waterworks has had frequent shortages and Sinnington has been the chief sufferer.

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following tabular statement is furnished by the Sanitary Inspector.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I herewith submit the report on the Sanitary Inspection of the area.

|   |     |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of visits under Public Health Acts | ... | ... | 108 |
| „ „ „ Housing Acts                        | ... | ... | 103 |
| „ „ to Dairies, Cowsheds & Milk Shops     | ... | ... | 220 |
| „ „ to works in progress                  | ... | ... | 187 |
| „ „ to Shops                              | ... | ... | 15  |
| Drainage systems renewed and improved     | ... | ... | 12  |
| Drains inspected and tested               | ... | ... | 29  |
| „ „ „ found satisfactory                  | ... | ... | 26  |
| „ „ „ found defective                     | ... | ... | 3   |
| „ „ „ re-tested                           | ... | ... | 3   |

### **Shops and Offices.**

No action has been found necessary under the Shops Acts as regards temperature and ventilation. The sanitary accommodation has been satisfactory.

### **Camping Sites.**

No licences have been issued for Camping Sites. Small numbers of holiday campers have been noticed in fields adjoining farms but with two exceptions they were only there for short periods. In two cases the camping sites were cleared after informal action.

### **Smoke Abatement.**

No nuisance exists from smoke in this area.

### **Swimming Baths and Pools.**

There are no Public or Private Swimming Baths or Pools in the district.

### **Meat and Other Foods.**

With the exception of emergency slaughters all slaughtering is carried out at a Central Abattoir outside the district. In a small number of cases attention has been drawn to carcasses which appear to have escaped their notice and these have been returned for salvage purposes. Tinned and other foods have been regularly inspected in the shops and small quantities have been condemned.

### **Eradication of Bed Bugs.**

No Houses either Council or privately owned have been found infested with bed bugs. Cases of flea infestation have been found and these have been dealt with by spraying with insecticide and D.D.T. powder.

### **Sewers and Sewage Disposal.**

In some of the larger Villages the problem of sewage disposal is becoming increasingly difficult and with the increased demand for modern sanitation will become more acute. This applies particularly to Thornton-le-Dale where the water in the stream is heavily polluted with sewage.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. STOREY, M.R.S.I., M.I.H.,

Sanitary Inspector.

## SECTION F. Prevalence & control over infectious & other Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1948.

| Disease               | Total Cases Notified | Cases admitted to Hospital | Total Deaths |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Measles ...           | 19                   | none                       | none         |
| Scarlet Fever ...     | 3                    | 2                          | none         |
| Diphtheria ...        | none                 | none                       | none         |
| Puerperal Fever ...   | none                 | none                       | none         |
| Puerperal Pyrexia ... | 1                    | none                       | none         |
| Pneumonia ...         | 2                    | none                       | none         |
| Erysipelas ...        | none                 | none                       | none         |
| Whooping Cough ...    | 33                   | none                       | none         |

### Prevention of Blindness.

No action was necessary under Section 66 of the Public Health Act.

### Tuberculosis.

New cases and Mortality during 1948 :—

| Age Periods  | New Cases   |   |                 |   | Deaths      |   |                 |   |
|--------------|-------------|---|-----------------|---|-------------|---|-----------------|---|
|              | Respiratory |   | Non Respiratory |   | Respiratory |   | Non Respiratory |   |
|              | M           | F | M               | F | M           | F | M               | F |
| 0 ...        |             |   |                 |   |             |   |                 |   |
| 1 ...        |             |   |                 |   |             |   |                 |   |
| 5 ...        |             |   |                 |   |             |   |                 |   |
| 15 ..        |             |   |                 | 1 |             |   |                 |   |
| 25 ...       | 1           |   |                 |   | 1           |   |                 |   |
| 35 ...       |             |   |                 |   |             |   |                 |   |
| 45 ...       |             |   |                 |   | 1           |   |                 |   |
| 55 ...       |             |   |                 |   |             |   |                 |   |
| 65 & upwards |             |   |                 |   |             |   |                 |   |
| Totals...    | 1           |   |                 | 1 | 2           |   |                 |   |

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

D. L. FLETCHER,

Medical Officer of Health,

Pickering Rural District.